

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Burch for the telephonic interview with the undersigned on October 28, 2003. During that interview, Claims 1, 7, 12, and 31 were discussed in light of Nickel (U.S. Patent No. 4,750,718). More specifically, Examiner

and Applicant discussed the upwardly curved central arc portion of the claimed invention. Additionally, Examiner and Applicant discussed how the main leaf spring engages the load plate in the claimed invention. Finally, Examiner and Applicant discussed a clarification of the claimed invention and how the claimed structure overcomes the rejections based on Nickel. Examiner requested that these clarifications be made in a continuation application so that Examiner may give the matter further consideration. In light of the interview, Applicant filed a Request for Continued Examination on October 30, 2003 in which clarifications were made to the claims.

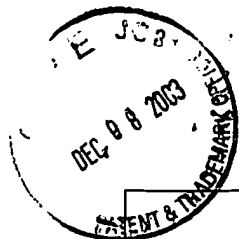
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should the Examiner have any questions regarding this statement of any other aspect of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER   |                                  |                             | Case No. 10541/345<br>Visteon Ref. No. V200-0854 |
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| Serial No.<br>10/034,574   | Filing Date<br>December 27, 2001 | Examiner<br>Melody M. Burch | Group Art Unit<br>3683                           |
| Inventor(s)<br>Junaid Akhtar et al.  |                                  |                             |  |
| Title of Invention<br>Variable Rate Multi-Arc Composite Leaf Spring Assembly |                                  |                             |  |

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Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate), Statement of the Substance of the Interview, and Two (2) Return Postcards.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
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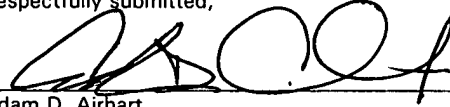
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